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FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you very much for the great job you did on getting the parsonage cleaned and ready for my arrival. That showed me you really cared. Thank you to those who helped prepare the brunch after church on my first Sunday as well, you really made me feel welcome. I think we are going to have a great time together.

For the last several months, packing seems to have been the order of the day; it is now unpacking! Trying to figure what goes in each cabinet, changing my mind and moving it around to make room for other things seems to be the order of the day. Oh well!

But we must not forget that God works in strange and wonderful ways; and even in the midst of the chaos we find love reflected on the faces of all those we meet. As I was in the middle of putting on the legs to my dining room table, Stew walked in to check on things and gave me a hand in setting the table upright, a hint of how willing he is to help out.

Later Barbara Smith brought me a plate so I could eat without scrambling to find dishes, pots and pans and even a store. She willingly stayed and answered my questions about where was a grocery store and more a Wal-Mart! You always have to buy a few things to settle in a new house. Later Mildred Silverberg came with another meal. They both tasted really good in all that heat and unpacking. Thank you all.

I am coming from a very different kind of church, one where the pastor was expected to be the administrator; I do not get that feeling here; it seems everyone pitches in and helps to make things happen. Please be patient with me as I learn your ways; and you learn mine. I was really glad to find that Paul takes care of running off the bulletin and the newsletter, I was used to a paid secretary three days a week and was not sure what to do.

As we settle in with each other, there will be a few bumps, but I do not think too many. It seems we were made to be together, one of those God things you know. As I close this and get it to Paul so he can do the newsletter this month; let me leave you with the words of one of our hymns. Not a Wesley hymn, but one of the modern ones of Brian Wren:

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind, our disappointments, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths and sure to find.

Christ is alive and goes before us, to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.

Let us all become new in Christ as few come together in this new beginning....

Pastor Kathy

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The Church and You

A NOTE OF



TO ALL MY CHURCH FAMILY

I wish to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards, and all the best wishes that were given to me when I received **The Lucy Stone Award**. The lord blessed me with all of you. Thank you again and may God bless you all.

Jane Dolan

WINGS & HANDS

The Wings and Hands Bazaar Crafts will meet July 29 under Millie Silverberg, Elsa Bates, and Judy Bartlett; August 26 under Karen Farrell and Marion Hunt; October 28 under Beth Olson and Cindy DiSanto. We welcome any newcomers to our group. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

CHOIR NOTES:

A sign up sheet is posted on the table in the fellowship hall for anyone who is interested in helping on Sunday mornings during the summer months. The Chancel Choir is on vacation during the summer and the music program is filled by volunteers, either singing or instrumental presentations, groups are also invited!

FROM THE EDITOR

Yes this is the July newsletter and yes it is almost August. To allow our new pastor to introduce her self to you in this newsletter, I delayed the publishing. Also due to scheduling issues of my own, I will be publishing the next two issue at the mid month time, instead of at the beginning of each month. So August and September Newsletters will be arriving around the middle-end of the month. The October issue should be back to the normal schedule and will be mailed by October 1st.

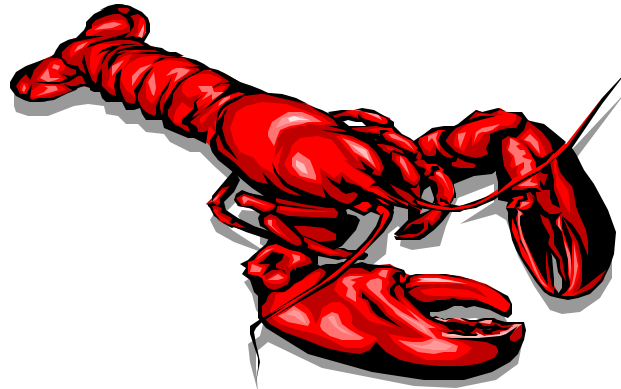
Paul Chicoine—editor and Lay Leader.

Lobstah Suppah!!

Heah, at George Whitefield UMC.

Saturday, August 24th at 6:00pm

Tickets---\$15.00 each--on sale first week of August-----More info to Come.



COFFEE HOSTS FOR JULY

7/7 Staff Parish Committee

7/14 Millie Silverberg & Elsa Bates

7/21 Phyllis Adams & Jackie Wood

7/28 Phyllis & George Warriner



Summer Supper Dates---

July 20--Smorgasbord

August--24 -- Lobster Supper

September--21---??

October 19--Turkey Dinner

All suppers are at 6:00pm

More news about suppers each month.

List is also posted on bulletin board in hall between sanctuary & fellowship hall.

If you cannot serve coffee the day you are listed please make arrangements to swap days with someone. Coffee, cream and punch will be supplied, the rest is up to you. Refreshments can be home baked or from the store or doughnut shop. Choice is yours. Thanks for your cooperation.

Prayers for the Ones We Love

Please keep the family and friends of Myrtle Wagner in your prayers for God has called her home!

Also keep Harold Smock in your prayers. Harold had by-pass surgery and suffered a stroke after being released to Quaboag On the Common. He is now back in the hospital.

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Calendar for July

- ?? **Saturday, July 20** – Smorgasborg Supper 6:00 p.m.
- ?? **Monday, July 29** – Wings & Hands Craft Group at church, 7 p.m.

Upcoming Calendar Events

Saturday, August 24 -- Trip to Pawsox game
Lobster Supper

CALENDAR – REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Every week (unless otherwise noted):

- ?? Sunday at 9:30 a.m. - Worship with Sunday School
- ?? Wednesdays at 10 a.m. – Women’s Bible study at the home of Annalee Collins
- ?? Thursdays at 6:33 p.m. – Men’s Bible study (at homes during winter months)

HELP PASTOR KATHY GET TO KNOW YOU

Please fill out this form and bring it with you to church

Name

Address

Telephone

Directions to my house

Please check all those that apply

_____ I would like the pastor to visit.

_____ I would like her to call before coming to my home.

_____ I do not care if she drops in.

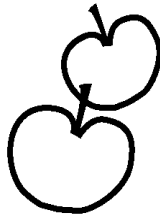
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At present:

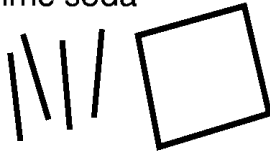
Make a Fun Picnic Snack

Apple Boats



You will need:

- an apple
- a square slice of cheese
- 4 toothpicks
- lemon-lime soda
- knife
- bowl



How to make 4 boats:

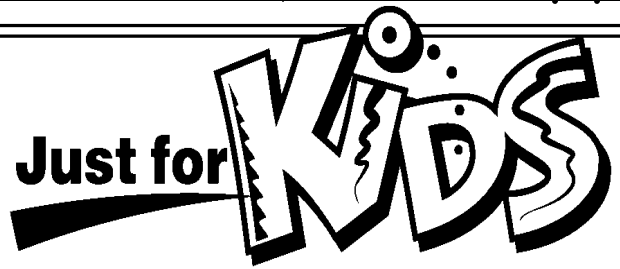
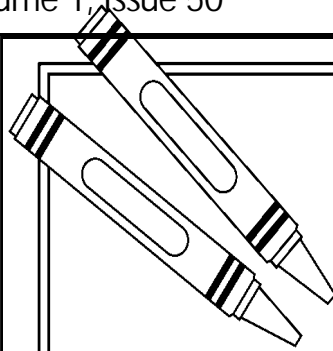
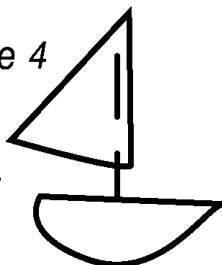
- Ask an adult to help you cut the apple into 4 parts.



- Pour the lemon-lime soda into the bowl.
- Soak the apple slices in the bowl for a few minutes. This will keep them from turning brown.
- Cut the cheese from corner to corner. You will end up with 4 triangles. These are sails for your boats.
- Put a toothpick through each cheese sail.
- Stick a sail into each apple piece.

You will have 4 apple boats to share with friends.

Enjoy!



A Biblical Picnic

In the warm weather months we like to go on picnics. What do you pack in your picnic basket? If you lived in Bible times, what do you think you might have packed?

Below are the names of some people in the Bible. Use the code to find out what each person may have taken on a picnic. Look up the verses to read more about each person.

Code:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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- Saul $\overline{16} \overline{15} \overline{13} \overline{5} \overline{7} \overline{18} \overline{1} \overline{14} \overline{1} \overline{20} \overline{5} \overline{19}$ (1 Samuel 14:2)
- Jonathan $\overline{8} \overline{15} \overline{14} \overline{5} \overline{25}$ (1 Samuel 14:29)
- Eve $\overline{6} \overline{18} \overline{21} \overline{9} \overline{20}$ (Genesis 3:6)
- Daniel and friends $\overline{22} \overline{5} \overline{7} \overline{5} \overline{20} \overline{1} \overline{2} \overline{12} \overline{5} \overline{19}$ (Daniel 1:12-16)
- John the Baptist $\overline{12} \overline{15} \overline{3} \overline{21} \overline{19} \overline{20} \overline{19}$ (Matthew 3:4)
- The 5,000 people $\overline{12} \overline{15} \overline{1} \overline{22} \overline{5} \overline{19} \& \overline{6} \overline{9} \overline{19} \overline{8}$ (Matthew 14:17)
- Israelites in Egypt $\overline{3} \overline{21} \overline{3} \overline{21} \overline{13} \overline{2} \overline{5} \overline{18} \overline{19}$ (Numbers 11:5)
- Esau $\overline{19} \overline{20} \overline{5} \overline{23}$ (Genesis 25:34)
- Isaac $\overline{23} \overline{9} \overline{12} \overline{4} \overline{7} \overline{1} \overline{13} \overline{5}$ (Genesis 25:28)
- Ruth $\overline{7} \overline{18} \overline{1} \overline{9} \overline{14}$ (Ruth 2:1-4)

Scripture Readings: Notice

Each month I will publish the readers for each weeks scripture lessons. It is requested that you read from the Lectern Bible. If you can not be in church on the week that you are scheduled to read, please arrange for someone else to read in your place or contact Paul Chicoine.

Also if you are interesting in being included in the readers list please notify Paul Chicoine at 436-7744.



Bible Readings for the Month

July Scripture Readings:

21st - **Genesis 28:10-19a**
 Harvey **Psalm 139:1-12,23-24 (UMH 854)**
 Collins **Romans 8:12-25**
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

28th - **Genesis 29:15-28**
 Marion **Psalm 105:1-11,45b (UMH 828)**
 Hunt **Romans 8:26-39**
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

August

4th - **Genesis 32:22-31**
 Paul **Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749)**
 Chicoine **Romans 9:1-5**
Matthew 14:13-21

11th - **Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**
 Liz **Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 (UMH 828)**
 Sanford **Romans 10:5-15**
Matthew 14:22-33

18th - **Genesis 45:1-15**
 Gloria **Psalm 133 (UMH 850)**
 Ried **Romans 11:1-2a,29-32**
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Need a ride to Church???

If anyone in the local area needs a ride to church on Sundays or to any church function or meeting, please call the church office at 867-3667 for help in making arrangements.

Also, if you are willing to give anyone a ride, please have your name put on the driver's list in the church office.

THANKS !!!



Happy July Birthdays

Carol Varnum	7/2	Gerald Ziehl	7/3
Norma Rissis	7/4	Brenda Ziehl	7/4
Mandy Robbins	7/10	Shawn McIntyre	7/11
Joseph Frazier	7/12	Oloose Mae Chicoine	7/14
Rev. Tom McKeon	7/15	Linda Robbins	7/18
Allan Reid	7/21	Mark Williamson	7/30

Celebrating Anniversaries in July

Walter & Evelyn Hazen 7/17
 Alan & Carol Varnum 7/12
 Bill & Jane Dolan 7/?



"I thought you invited me to be a Premises Keeper!"

The Grief and Loss Support Group

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT"

The last Wednesday of each month at 1:00 P.M. Sponsored by the **WEST BROOKFIELD COUNCIL on AGING** at the Senior Center, 27 Front St. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Frank Halloran 867-2497.

AN OPEN INVITATION

The George Whitefield Rock welcomes any and all submissions. We reserve the right to edit or reject any material. This is your newsletter, please feel free to make any suggestions to the pastor or the editors. Also if you would like to share your loved ones birthdays and anniversaries please send them for submission to the editor.

Have you visited our web site lately?

www.gbgm-umc.org/whitefield